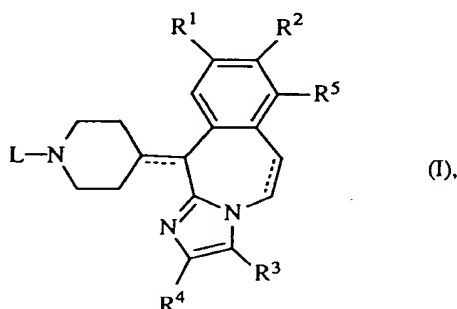


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ABSTRACT

IMIDAZO[2,1-b][3]BENZAZEPINE DERIVATIVES, COMPOSITIONS AND
METHOD OF USE

The present invention is concerned with novel imidazo[2,1-b][3]benzazepines of formula



the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts and stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein each of the dotted lines independently represents an optional bond; R^1 represents hydrogen, halo, C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkyloxy; R^2 represents hydrogen, halo, C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkyloxy; R^3 represents hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl, ethenyl substituted with hydroxycarbonyl or C_{1-4} alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4} alkyl substituted with hydroxycarbonyl or C_{1-4} alkyloxycarbonyl, hydroxy C_{1-4} alkyl, formyl or hydroxycarbonyl; R^4 represents hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl, hydroxy C_{1-4} alkyl, phenyl or halo; R^5 represents hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl or halo; L represents hydrogen; C_{1-6} alkyl; C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with one substituent selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, halo, C_{1-4} alkyloxy, hydroxycarbonyl, C_{1-4} alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4} alkyloxycarbonyl- C_{1-4} alkyloxy, hydroxycarbonyl C_{1-4} alkyloxy, C_{1-4} alkyloxycarbonylamino, C_{1-4} alkylaminocarbonyl, C_{1-4} alkylaminocarbonylamino, C_{1-4} alkylaminothiocarbonylamino, aryl, aryloxy and arylcarbonyl; C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with both hydroxy and aryloxy; C_{3-6} alkenyl; C_{3-6} alkenyl substituted with aryl; or, L represents a radical of formula -Alk-Y-Het¹ (a-1), -Alk-NH-CO-Het² (a-2) or -Alk-Het³ (a-3); provided that 6,11-dihydro-11-(4-piperidinylidene)-5H-imidazo[2,1-b][3]benzazepine is excluded, which are useful antiallergic compounds.

Compositions comprising said compounds, methods of using and processes for preparing the same.